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SUBJ: MARCOS WARNS HE MAY RESUME DECREE POWERS; FIRST
QUESTION PERIOD SET FOR AUGUST 3; OMBUDSMAN AND
CORRUPTION COURT DECREED

1. DURING AN IMPROMPTU PRESS CONFERENCE IN BAGUIO JULY 15, PRESIDENT MARCOS SAID HE WAS BASICALLY SATISFIED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MONTH-OLD INTERIM PARLIAMENT (IBP) THUS FAR. HOWEVER, HE REMINDED REPORTERS THAT HE RETAINS THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO RULE BY DECREE IF THE LEGISLATURE DOESN'T PERFORM TO HIS SATISFACTION. "KNOWING THE PREDILECTION OF MOST LEGISLATURES TO MOVE SLOWLY, IF TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, IF IT IS NECESSARY THAT A DECREE BE ISSUED, THEN I WILL ISSUE IT AND LET THE IBP MODIFY OR AMEND IT AS THEY SEE FIT. ...I CAN AND I WILL ISSUE DECREES IF NECESSARY FOR THE WELFARE OF THE COUNTRY BUT I WOULD PREFER THAT THEY ARE ISSUED BY THE BATASAN." THE PRESS INTERPRETED HIS REMARKS AS "A SECOND WARNING AGAINST CERTAIN SECTORS, INCLUDING BATASAN ASSEMBLYMEN, THAT HE WOULD NOT BROOK PROCRASTINATION OR FILIBUSTERISM IN LEGISLATION."

2. MARCOS ALSO SAID IN PASSING THAT THE FIRST "QUESTION PERIOD" IS SET FOR AUGUST 3. UNDER RULES ADOPTED SOME
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DAYS AGO, IBP MEMBERS MAY SUBMIT QUESTIONS ON THE CONDUCT OF GOVERNMENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER OR OTHER MINISTERS, TO BE ANSWERED ON THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH. QUESTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE IN WRITING.

3. ACCORDING TO "BULLETIN TODAY," MARCOS ALSO SAID HE HAD SIGNED A SERIES OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREES BEFORE THE IBP WAS

CONVENED JUNE 12; THESE, HE SAID, ARE CURRENTLY BEING
ISSUED ONE BY ONE. AMONG THEM IS A DECREE IMPLEMENTING
CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS REQUIRING CREATION OF AN
OMBUDSMAN ("TANODBAYAN") AND A COURT FOR GOVERNMENT
CORRUPTION ("SANDIGANBAYAN"). MARCOS NOTED THAT HE IS
STILL LOOKING FOR SUITABLE APPOINTEES: THEY SHOULD BE
NON-POLITICIANS KNOWN FOR THEIR NON-PARTISANSHIP, HE
SAID, AND THEY MIGHT INCLUDE RETIRED OR PRESENT MEMBERS
OF THE JUDICIARY.

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